# Ban Johnson Gives Assurance That Washington Will Remain Major Team

# AMERICAN LEAGUE GIVES UP NOTHING IN PARLEY FOR PEACE

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- "Washington will retain its American League franchise," was the statement today of Ban Johnson, who seems to be boss of the whole show over here. "There never wa any chance for it to 'ose it. The American League is making no surrender to obtain peace. The American League is simply acting in conjunction with the National League to end this state of war, but we are not going to give up anything. We consider Washington a most loyal city for our circuit ,and have never even suggested dropping it."

Bearing out the truth of Ban Johnson's words, the retirement from baseball of George Ward and the passing of the Brookfeds is officially announced by Jim iGlmore. The Nationals and Brookfeds were booked for a merger, the best players remaining in Brooklyn as an American League club and the others going to Washington in the International League.

### JOHNSON EMPHATIC IN DENIAL.

for a day, but it was not based on of Somers. We have found a way to fact. Washington will keep its big clear him of his financial troubles, and

This pretty plan made a good story, Cleveland club will remain the property

league franchise, and the Dodgers will have Brooklyn all to themselves.

President Johnson seemed much perturbed over the rumor that the Capital was to lose its American League club, and was most emphatic in his denial. He seemed to take it as a reflection upon his organization.

"Furthermore," he continued, "the league find the wilf remain an American League magnate."

In the negotiations continuing here today Ban Johnson is taking a leading part. As a member of the national commission, he represents his own league first and organized baseball second. Tener, the National League head, is proving a man of putty in the hands

## PENN MEN REACH NO MARKING TIME IN DECISION ON COACH CARDINALS' FRANCHISE BASEBALL SITUATION

something goes to smash-if there is no expectation of this smash-

week or so will indicate just what will be done to bring about this desired

harmony among the magnates. One thing is certain, however, somebody's

heels will be stepped on in the grand scramble to get in out of the wet.

mation of the three larger baseball leagues, it will be impossible to care

clubs from a major to a minor league status. Of course, where two or three clubs now exist, it will be possible to drop one with more or less ease, but this applies in few cities. The passing of strife in St. Louis will

mean the dropping of one out of three clubs, no matter what they may

be named hereafter. The same goes for Chicago, which has had three

clubs for two seasons. What will be done in other cities can hardly be

determined now. Indeed, it will require all the brain and energy of Ban

chise, even this will not be known for a certainty for a few days. But a

warning should be given to the magnates that the nation's chief city will never support a minor league ball club. It is true that Brooklyn, or even

Baltimore, has a much larger population than Washington, but where is

the man who will place himself on record as saying that either is a better

baseball city than the Capital? All things considered, Washington ranks with the best cities in the United States for its steadfast support of the

national game. But if the magnates, in their dilemma, decide to lower the

ranking of Washington, the owners of the minor league club to be settled

here will do well to hesitate. Even with Walter Johnson and company

in action, the support here for two years has not been good. What will

it be when a bunch of minor leaguers enter the field? Will there be

that it was ridiculous to consider such a thing. I was advised that I

should refuse space to Federal League news. I was told that the Feds would be allowed to go their own way to financial death. I was told that

never would organized baseball surrender. I was told that the men behind the Federal League were really thieves, seeking to take from others their

rightful property. I was told this by men in organized baseball. Re-calling the days when the American League was recognized as a major

league, recalling the honeyed words with which the invaders were wel comed into the fold, I forgot all about this advice during the past two

years and there should be a good laugh coming for some of those advisers

who will have to swallow their words. Peace on the present system can

not but be considered a victory for the Federal League.

While it is unlikely that Washington will lose its major league fran-

Johnson and his conferees to settle this affair harmoniously.

greatest individual power in the game.

Instructions From Judge Landis on Suit.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER. NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- Until word is from Judge Landis, the assembled baseball magnates are marking Without the permission of Judge Landis, the Federal League cannot

Magnates Can Only Wait for Mike Bennett's Name Comes Up for Consideration at Long Session.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.-After at Landis, the Federal League cannot agree to withdraw its suit in the United States Court under pain of being declared in contempt. Until the Feds do agree to do this, organized baseball is resting on its oars.

Ban Johnson, the aggressive leader of organized baseball, refuses to ratify a single move until the Feds withdraw their legal suit. The Feds realize that this suit is a big stick in their favor, but they will have to back down or before the committee a chance to secure the views of the respective candidates in regard to the football situation at the Red of the leading candidates in the part of the leading candidates for the position of the leading candidates for the position of head coach were interviewed during the session. They were "Bill" Hollenback, Bob Folwell, and Mike Bennett.

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but they will have to back down or have all negotiations cease. Judge Landis is expected to telegraph his opinion to the magnates today. If he agrees to the withdrawal, the magnates will hurry matters, hoping to finish all their more important business by Wednesday.

Rasin came out of the meeting to consult with this trio.

Rasin raised the claim that Baltimore is a big league city and that the stockholders of the Terrapins should not "be left out in the cold." "Our club lived up to all its obligations and made a little money, said Hancock Wander Hasin, "and we should receive some consideration. We do not want a minor league franchise. We don't become club in our cits." TODAY'S SPORTORIAL NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Peace in baseball seems under way. Unless

### Wonder if the Capital will assume the part of a heel. In the amalgafor every city now sporting a ball club. Even were two ten-club leagues to emerge from the negotiations, it would be necessary to wipe out four cities. With two eight-club circuits left, it will be necessary to drop eight

Jack Moakley, Cornell's famous athletic trainer, recently celebrated his fifty-second birthday. mentor has engaged in athletics as competitor and coach for thirty-five of these years, seventeen of which have een passed at Cornell.

as a successful half-miler, but in his many prizes for all distances from the 100-yard dash to the 6-mile cross-coun-

ton Athletic Club, and later for the Manhattan Athletic Club of this city. hie cantained the Manhattan team the won the junior championships

it be when a bunch of minor leaguers enter the field? Will there be twenty fans at the opening game; not unless on passes? Hardly. But let's not borrow troubles until absolutely necessary. Perhaps we'll yet be classed as a major league city, if only for the advertising.

When Moakies relified from active competition on the cinder path in 1891 the became very active in promoting amateur sports in New England, and classed as a major league city, if only for the advertising.

Just now one can figure the Feds beaten is beyond me. From where The first varsity team that he turned I sit it looks very much as if the Feds forced the National League to out, the 1899 cross-country team, was a quit and when Barney Dreyfuss, as a peace envoy, arrived in Chicago, he championship winner. His success with the cross-ountry teams has been noth-found the American Leaguers waiting for him, tickets in hand. The ling short of marvelous, and has establing short of marvelous, and has established the cross-ountry teams has been nothing short of marvelous. tickets called for reservations on the Twentieth Century Limited for New lished a record for him which has been York. The more one considers this whole situation, the more he must approached by no track coach in the admire the astuteness of Ban Johnson. He held his annual meeting in country teams that he has coached, only Chicago so that all the world might see easily that the National League three have lost the intercollegiate cham-had to travel to him to lay the matter of peace at his feet. Of course, in plonship.

had to travel to him to lay the matter of peace at his feet. Of course, in his role as a wise leader, he accepted the proposition calling for peace negotiations and then—but not till then—he journeyed comfortably to track team broke into the limelight of New York to assist the others in their work. Johnson is still the dominant the figure in baseball, and after the coming amalgamation he will still be the liter track world, won the intercollegister of the entire track world, won the intercollegister of the entire track world, won the intercollegister of the entire track world. However, why haven't the Feds won? To be sure, from the present Moakley, the teams have since added negotiations, two leagues will stand forth where three existed before. But those miscreants with the ready cash go down on the rocks of de A. A. silver cup which had been in com struction? Most assuredly not. Those still able to ante up will be given petition for eleven years. Last year further opportunity. Men like Weeghman, Stifel, Ball, Gwinner, and Sinther the team gained the first leg on the new clair, as good sportsmen as ever entered baseball.

there would ever come peace through amalgamation. For one, I was told Bottle Criterion Hye.

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that Washington will be in the In four-hour session held in the office of ternational League next season, to-Wharton Sinkler vesterday, Penn's foot, day comes the report that Baltimore ball committee came to no definite is holding up the peace movement in agreement in regard to the coaching is holding up the peace movement in ouestion. In order to give the men on New York by a demand to be given the committee a chance to secure the the St. Louis National League fran-

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want a minor league club in our city We demand that we be allowed to purchase the franchise of the St. Louis Cardinals and franchise to Baltimore

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With The organized baseball laughed at the daring sport writer who suggested that in the athletic world. "Maids BASKET containing Bottle California Port. Bottle California Port. Bottle California Sherry, America All for . . \$2.75 Next Week: DAVE MARION

## National Capital **Bowling Academy** Weekly Tournament

Is Blocked.

York to attend the prace conference with the National and Federal Learne

nim and also demands a hig slice of the purchase money. According to reports, Eaker agreed to go to the New York Yankees it they would give nin a three-year contract calling for \$2.00. a year and \$10.00 of the money Mach was to receive from the owners of the New York club.

York club

The owners of the New York Americans, along with Manager Bill Donorboan, were at the Chicazo meeting to bid for Baker, but when the peace remois legan to fly, all negotiations between Horston and Recuert and Mark stopped. If cranised baseball and the independents do get together the base-ball market will be werflowing with binseall players and there will not be such a great demand for men who such a great demand for men who had been declaration at Chicago that he could not find any one anxious to pay a big price for Baker.

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appointed for the purpose of making a selection. For several days the committee has been meeting here but only brooklyn, would operate a team here in selection. For several days the commit-

Tonight at \$:00 p. m., before the Washington Chess and Whist Club. A. W. Fox, the brilliant young American chess master, will meet all coners in simultaneous play giving the option of color and opening to each opponent.

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NEW HAVEN. Dec. 18.—While no I statement has been made by the Yale toommittee in charge of selecting a head football coach, it was stated today on good authority that they favor Dr. All beet Hayes Sharpe, now coach at Cornell for the position, and will try to get his release from his Cornell contract.

It is understood that Dr. Sharpe is willing to retire as coach at Cornell after the 19th season closes, and a plan which is being discussed at Yale would

# BAKER DEMANDS BIG

cause Baker insists upon receiving an came of the meeting. nim and also demands a big slice of the purchase money. According to re-ports, Eaker agreed to go to de New York Yankees it they would give aim a three-year contract calling for \$12.00. a

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 18.—George McBride is today in court as expert witness on baseball pitching in behalf of local player.

which is being discussed at Yale would place the Yale coaching next fall in the hands of a graduate committee under Dr. Sharpe's directions.

Dr. Sharpe's response to the plan has

## History of Baseball Peace Is a Brief One

First Talk of Composure Between Factions Originated at Series Between Red Sox and Phillies in Quaker City Ten Weeks Ago.

paseball world saw the beginning of an awful warfare which has all but demolished America's national pastime The very fabric of the game has been threatened, if not seriously scared, by he insiduous attack of an outlaw oranization known as the Federal League. Players have been induced to cave good berths in organized baseball for higher-priced ones with the Federals and the unceasing expenditure of money by the infringing parties has been the chief weapon with which the grand old game has been harassed. The National, American, Federal, and some few minor league heads who are now in session in New York are sitting for the purpose of effecting a reconciliation of the injured interests, and in their ability to reach an armistice

lies the future of the game. The manner in which James Gilmore and Charles Weeghman, of Chicago; the Ward brothers, of Brooklyn, one of whom, Robert, has passed away since the beginning of baseball strife; Philip Ball, of St. Louis; Harry Sinclair, of Newark; Ed Gwinner, of Pittaburgh; and Ed Hanion, of Baltimore have co-operated in forcing the organized magnates to recognize the Federals is astounding from a financial standpoint, but that they have been respectively be bought for a reasonable sum. It
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ten years in popularity in the cyclic ten dependent of the American people is deplorable to the capital buying into his league.

INCREASE IN SALARY

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The alert fight which they have conducted and the alacrity with which they have stuck to their task of being recognized is rewarded by the willingness of the O. B. men to new entertain a proposal of peace. Should the session now in progress avail nothing, the outlaws have still more money to spend in their purpose and a closer vigil will be kept with a view to further wrecking the two major organizations. the two major organizations.

The story of the Federal's invasion of the baseball field, step by step, is an old one from the very beginning down to the filing of the suit by the Federals—the suit to annul organized baseball on the grounds that it is a combination in restraint of trace. Perhaps some of the details relative to the bringing about of peace would be more timely now.

Probably the first offer of peace from with the National and Federal Leasue magnates venterday. Mack remained behind to telk over a deal for "Home ton Red Sex and the Philadelphia Nationals. At one of the games in the which tenched here today.

The reason why the Ariencan Leasue magnates were hot so anxious to bid a high price for Baker is said to select the American Leasue conditions were discussed, but nothing cause Baker insists upon receiving an came of the meeting.

TO COACHAT YALE

Sincait have the New York, Glavis, The price was too high. Sincait then wend after the New York Ynnkess, He had a chance to get a one-third interest from 'import and Huston, Ital again the tariff was too high. He called off all pegotiations.

The present situation was precipitated because of Pan Johnson's desire to add the raillant. The made by the International League. To Berrow's circuit should read the principal bound of the battle. Barrow was assured that he would have a final voice in whatever peace terror might be accepted.

Washington itself has only smiled at the report which was circulated yester.

tee has been meeting here but only today reached a decision. The committee, composed of Vance McCormick chairman, and John R. Kirkpatrick and S. Brinckerhoff Thorne, was appointed by the Yale Athletic Association.

NEW HAVEN. Dec. 18.—While no Proposal. no proposal.

It is impossible to conceive the good to be brought about, and it is very plain to see that the people would not patronize a minor league club after significantly between the second se

By KIRK C. MILLER.

The arrangement by which Brooklyn would get an American League team, so yesterday's rumor ran, would consist of George Ward buying out the small holders of the Washington club, which "has never been much of a money maker." and combine the club with the Brookfeds, which would play at Wash-ington park.

The present Washington team, with such stars as Walter Johnson, Clyde Milan, Bert Gallia, John Henry, Eddie

Milan, Bert Gallia, John Henry, Eddie Foster, etc., re-enforced by such players as Benny Kauff. Lee Magec, Claude Cooper, and Cy Falkenberg, would make quite a ball club, especially with Clark Griffith, a Greater New York favorite, at the helm, said the report.

It was said the move would be very favorably received by the American League, as Washington, with a population of only 330,000, "has always been more or less of a filler-in in the East." In Brooklyn an American League team would have a population of more than 2,000,000 people to draw from. It was also pointed out that another real major league club in Brooklyn would stir up considerable rivalry with the major league club in Brooklyn would stir up considerable rivalry with the Superbas and create a strong interborough rivalry between the Yankees and the contemplated Brooklyn team. The rumor further stated that the Washington team went through a poor season, and is owned by a lot of small stockholders, who had been hit hard by the war. It was said the club could be bought for a reasonable sum. It

## PRINCETON CAPTAIN WINS HIS OWN GAME

McTique Makes Basket That Breaks Tie and Downs Cornell Five.

the other. Twice the score was tied and the final victory was not decided until almost the last moment of play. when McTigue caged a difficult goal which broke the tie and won for Prince-

the lead, but Lunden injected some bril the lead, but Lunden injected some brilliant offensive work into the game and put Cornell temporarily ahead. Another spirt for the Tizers assured Princeton a 13 to 8 lead at the end of the first period. Close guarding kept the score low in the second hulf. McTique starreed for the winners, scoring all but one of their seven field goals.

### Walter Wallace Jumps Into Lead in Tourney

Walter Wallace jumped into the lead in the pocket billiard tournament now in progress in the Grand Central Palace. Center Market, by defeating Charles Bartleman, winner of the District tournament last year, by a close margin. Eddie Killeen won handlly harles Swan by 100 to 57. The ing of the players follows:

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